



ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH - SQUAMISH

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH BULLETIN

98 Years of Witnessing and Sharing the Catholic Faith

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - August 27, 2023 [Year A]

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WEEKEND MASSES
SATURDAY 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
SUNDAY 9:30 AM ONLY

WEEKDAY MASSES
MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, 9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY 7:00 PM,

- Holy Rosary:** 30 minutes prior to each Mass, except on Wednesday when the St. Joseph Rosary starts at 6:00 PM.
- Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help:** Wednesday at 6:30 PM.
- Eucharistic Adoration:** Friday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.
- Confessions:** Available 30 minutes before each Mass.
- Baptism:** Please call the parish office for arrangements.
- Marriage:** To schedule a marriage, please contact the office at least six months prior to your desired date.
- Anointing of the Sick:** Please contact the office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.
- Funerals:** To make funeral arrangements, kindly call the parish office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.
- Mass Intentions/Blessings of house, car, etc.:** For appointments and more information, please call the parish office at (604) 390-4139 or (604) 3236421.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY: Bob Splinter, Bill Vanderhor, Fred Durig, Rita Milia, Dinah Williams, Domenico Milia, Nell Van Loon, John Nyland, Maria Milia, Glenn Rudkin, Joan Wippich, Nita & Fernando Cauyong, Rosa Razzano, Theresa Brock, Teresa Pacuzzi, Stefan Hedjuk, Nieves Tacugue, and all our sick parishioners, benefactors, family members and friends.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE OUR PARISH?

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US! IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT:
Knights of Columbus: James Ellis at 6043497513
Legion of Mary & RCIA Coordinator: Vida Giroux at 6048983537
CFC/Parish Couples: Myrna Daquiaog at 6043899523
Ushers & Lectors: Sheila Hart at 2509459731
Catholic Women's League: Brenda C. at 604838 3557
Altar Server: Please talk to Gary Giroux or Robert Suarez
Migrants Coordinators: Doris Suarez at 6045678271 & Naty Caisip
RCIA Coordinator: Vida Giroux

Our parish is currently seeking volunteers to fill various roles including Parish Secretary, OIC Parish Events, OIC Parish Website, PREP Coordinator, Choir Director and Project Advance Coordinator, and etc.. If you're interested, please reach out to Sr. Izah, or Fr. Nick. Your willingness to contribute is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

SUNDAY READINGS REFLECTION

IS 22:19-23; PS 138:1-3, 6, 8;
ROM 11:33-36; MT 16:13-20

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?"-Romans 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything - He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too, are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

WEEKLY BIBLE REFLECTIONS | BULLETIN INSERTS | ABOUT STEWARDSHIP | ARCHDIOCESE OF ST LOUIS (ARCHSTL.ORG)

Today's readings reveal beautiful truths about God and challenge us to reflect on ourselves. The second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans describes God's amazing attributes. It's like a cheering moment, where Paul praises God's wisdom and ways. He emphasizes that everything comes from God and should glorify Him. But just speaking well isn't enough for our perfect, loving, and powerful God. We need to love Him completely and show it in our lives. Our lives should be a thankful gift of love to God, giving Him the honor He deserves. In the Gospel from Matthew, Jesus asks His disciples who they think He is. Peter gets it right, saying Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. This question isn't just for the disciples back then; it's for all of us who follow Jesus today. We might easily say the right words, but our actions should show it too. Our choices, how we spend our time, our money, and how we treat our family all reveal whether we truly believe Jesus is our Savior. The things we have – our time, talents, and belongings – should reflect that Jesus is our Savior and we are His followers. The best way to praise Him is by living a life that responds gratefully to His immense love. This is what it means to live a life of stewardship.



POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

I renew my appeal to stop using religions to incite hatred, violence, extremism and blind fanaticism, and to refrain from using the name of God to justify acts of murder, exile, terrorism and oppression.

How good it would do our relationships, as well as our lives of faith, if we were to be docile, to truly pay attention, to soften up in the name of compassion and the good of others, like Jesus with the Canaanite woman.

It's our responsibility to help eradicate hatred & violence from human hearts. Let's encourage arms to be set aside, that there be a reduction in military spending so that humanitarian needs can be provided for & so that instruments of death be turned into instruments of life.

To be children of the Father and to build a fraternal world, the real challenge is to learn how to love everyone, even our enemies. Concretely, this means choosing not to have enemies, seeing in others not an obstacle to be overcome, but a brother or sister to be loved.

PARISH UPDATES AND CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

† PARISH TOTAL COLLECTION: \$ 1,866.00

August 20 - \$ 1,866.00

- ♥ Ordinary Collection \$1,591
- ♥ For the Sisters \$ 155.00
- ♥ Building Fund \$ 120.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. To make giving more convenient, we have set up an online platform. Visit: <https://support.rcav.org/parishes/parish-offertory/sunday-offering/> and choose St. Joseph's Parish-Squamish to give online.



† PROJECT ADVANCE 2023

Parish Goal: \$ 20,000.00
Archdiocesan Goal \$ 10,200.00
Actual Collection: \$2,185



PROJECT ADVANCE 2023
Empowering our Parish Vision

We humbly seek your assistance in advancing our project for the year 2023. Our parish has set a goal of \$20,000, with \$10,200 earmarked for the Archdiocesan goal, which supports various charitable programs within the Archdiocese. The remaining funds will be allocated towards

acquiring a fireproof filing cabinet for our parish. As of August 27, 2023, out of the 122 active members in our parish, 6 households have graciously contributed a total of \$1,245. Let us join our efforts, striving to achieve this goal and fortify our parish project. For online contributions, please visit: <https://support.rcav.org/project-advance-2023>. Your unwavering support holds immense value and is deeply appreciated.

BE CATECHIST OR CATECHIST HELPER

St. Joseph Parish is looking for committed Catholics to teach faith to Grades 4, 5, and 6 children every Thursday, 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm, starting September 21, 2023. You can guide young minds on their spiritual journey and create a lasting impact. Classes for Grade 1, Grade 2 (preparing for First Holy Communion), and Grade 7 (preparing for Confirmation) will take place on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass, beginning September 24, 2023. We welcome everyone, regardless of your background or experience. Your enthusiasm and dedication matter most. Let's strengthen our community through faith education together. To show your interest in becoming a Catechist, contact Sr. Izah Aldover, OSA, at 604-389-8130 or speak to her in person. Your participation and commitment are greatly valued. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our children's lives.

ENROLLMENT OPEN FOR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP) 2023-2024

Catechism classes start on September 24, 2023, immediately after the 9:30 AM Mass for Grade 1, Grade 2, and Grade 7. For Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, and Grade 6, classes begin on September 21, Thursday, from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. We encourage you to invite young children to enrol our PREP starting August 19th. Enrollment forms will be available in the church foyer. For further details, please contact Sr. Izah at 604-389-8130.



DIVINE MERCY HOME VISITATION: Join us in praying the Prayer of Mercy for nine days with the Image of the Divine Mercy visiting your home. On the first day, we will welcome the image, and on the ninth day, it will be enthroned in your house, where your family will be consecrated. This is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and your family. Let us unite in prayer for peace and healing in our world. To welcome the Image of the Divine Mercy into your home, please contact Fr. Nicolas.



OUR BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOME VISITATION Our brothers and sisters in the Legion of Mary are currently offering the opportunity to have the Statue of the Blessed Mother visit families in our parish for one or two weeks. If you would like to welcome Our Blessed Mother into your home, please contact Vida Giroux at 6048983537 to schedule a visit.

JOIN OUR PARISH REFUNDABLE FUNDRAISER!



Make a meaningful impact on both our parish and the planet by participating in our refundable initiative. Visit the Bottle Depot on Queens Way and contribute to St. Joseph Parish's efforts. Mention our ACCOUNT NAME: ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH and the ACCOUNT NUMBER: 356 when you drop off your refundable. Depot Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 9 AM to 5 PM. Your support is greatly appreciated as we work together to make a positive difference. Thank you for being a part of our parish's fundraising efforts!



CAN YOU OFFER ASSISTANCE AT OUR ST. JOSEPH THRIFT STORE? As a volunteer at the store, you'll help by restocking and arranging items, maintaining a clean space, and providing friendly service to customers. If you're interested in dedicating your time, please contact Vivian at 604-892-5093. Your support means a lot to us! St. Joseph Thrift Store gladly accepts donations, except for furniture and toys.

IF YOU HAVE A MUSICAL GIFT, WHETHER IN SINGING OR PLAYING AN INSTRUMENT, we invite you to bring our liturgy to life by volunteering to play and sing during our Holy Mass celebrations for the greater glory of God. Your contribution is valued. Don't hesitate to approach Sr. Izah or contact her at 643898130.

EVENTS IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER

MONTHLY PRO-LIFE MASS AND PRAYER VIGIL

Come together in prayer on the first Saturday of every month to support the culture of life. Join us for the Monthly Pro-Life Mass and Prayer Vigil on September 2 at 9:00 a.m., hosted at St. Andrew Kim Parish in Surrey. Your presence matters. Find out more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

ESTATE AND MEMORIAL PLANNING WEBINAR

Discover the significance of planning your legacy through a free online Estate and Memorial Planning Webinar. Join us to learn about will preparation, the beauty of funeral rites, and pre-need arrangements. Hosted by the Gardens of Gethsemani cemetery, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. The next session is on Thursday, September 7, at 11:00 a.m. via Zoom. Register now at rccav.org/events.

RED MASS AND DINNER 2023

Celebrate the Red Mass, honoring the legal profession's service to justice and the common good. Join us at Holy Rosary Cathedral on Thursday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m. Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB, will lead the Mass. Following the Mass, join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Terminal City Club in Vancouver. Keynote speaker: Honourable David Eby, KC, Premier of British Columbia. Secure your spot and learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

SAVE ON SACRED BURIAL SPACE - FALL OPEN HOUSE

Experience the Fall Open House at Gardens of Gethsemani Catholic Cemetery and save 20% on burial space. Take this opportunity to secure pre-need burial arrangements for yourself or your loved ones. Join us on September 15 (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) or September 16 (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Learn more and register at rccav.org/event/fall-open-house.

THE ALPHA MARRIAGE COURSE

Rediscover the joy of togetherness in marriage with The Alpha Marriage Course. Nurture your relationship, rekindle the spark, and enhance your family life. Join us for this seven-week program starting on September 15 until November 3, every Friday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Both in-person and online options are available. Register now at beholdvancouver.org/events. Cost is \$25.

MAKING SENSE OF ANXIETY IN CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Gain insights into addressing anxiety in children and youth with Dr. Gordon Neufeld. Discover natural interventions that address root causes, not just symptoms. This video course offers practical guidance for parents. Join us every Thursday, September 21 to October 19, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. via Zoom. Enroll now for \$25 at beholdvancouver.org/events.

UPPER ROOM CONFERENCE 2023: REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Ignite your parish's missionary spirit at the Proclaim's Upper Room conference. Connect, learn, and equip yourself for the mission ahead. Join us on September 23 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Pacific Academy in Surrey. The cost of \$75 includes food and two breakout sessions. Free parking available. Register at upperroomvancouver.com. Gather a group of 8 or more for a \$10 discount with a parish coupon code.

Call for Volunteers: Upper Room 2023 Experience the power of the Upper Room conference by volunteering. Be part of our mission to transform lives. Sign up as a volunteer at rcav.regfox.com/upper-room-2023-volunteers.

WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Join us in celebrating the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Come together in prayerful solidarity with migrant and refugee brothers and sisters on September 23 at 5:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Parish, Richmond. Father Richard Zanotti and Father Tom Smith will lead the prayerful celebration. Following Mass, enjoy a reception with food and entertainment in the gym. Learn more at beholdvancouver.org/events.

THE MEN'S RETREAT 2023: YESHUA DIVE INTO THE HEART OF CHRIST AT THE MEN'S RETREAT:

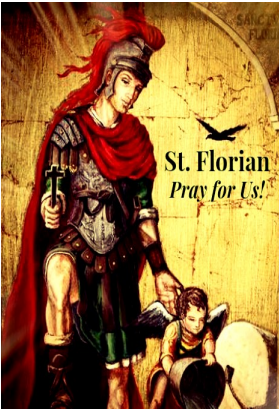
Yeshua. Rediscover, reconnect, and recommit with transformative talks, Mass, and outdoor adventures. Date: Friday, September 29, to Sunday, October 1 Location: RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC Cost: \$275+ (includes retreat, accommodation, activities, and food) Bursaries available. Learn more and register at liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

TO LIVE OF LOVE: SILENT RETREAT WITH ST. THERÈSE EXPERIENCE A PROFOUND SILENT RETREAT WITH ST. THERÈSE OF LISIEUX IN CELEBRATION OF HER 150TH BIRTHDAY, 100 YEARS SINCE HER BEATIFICATION, AND 25 YEARS AS DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH. Let St. Thérèse guide you through her "Little Way of Spiritual Childhood," illuminating God's transformative love. Encounter Jesus, let the Holy Spirit heal, beautify, and transform your life. Date: Friday, September 8, to Sunday, September 10 Location: Westminster Abbey in Mission Donation: \$215 (includes retreat, accommodation, meals, and the book "To Live of Love") For more information and registration, contact Angelina at angelina@vidahumanaedu.org. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 5

COUPLE RETREAT BY WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Restore communication and rekindle romance at the Couple Retreat by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. Join us from Friday, October 27, to Sunday, October 29, at Carmel Hill Retreat Centre in Deroche. Revive your love through deeper communication and intimacy. Learn more and register at beholdvancouver.org.

STAY UPDATED on upcoming events in the Archdiocese of Vancouver! Visit rcav.org and beholdvancouver.org/events. Check our parish bulletin at stjosephsquamish.com and our St. Joseph's Parish Facebook page. Join us for exciting events and activities. Thank you!

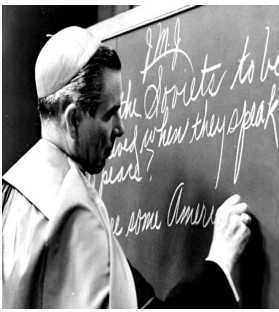


Prayer for Protection Against Fires

Dear God, who takes care of everything, we ask for Your help against the danger of fire. Fire is important, but it can be dangerous. Please keep our homes, buildings, forests, and fields safe from fire. Help us use fire wisely. We also pray for those who lost their homes and for animals in the forest, that they stay safe. Please make people understand how to take care of the Earth.

Mighty God, with your great power and wisdom, please watch over firefighters. Keep them safe while they fight fires to save lives and things. We ask you to always look after them as they work day and night to protect our homes and buildings. Their job is risky, so give them strength and courage.

Loving God, keep these brave firefighters safe. Put your strong shield around them and let them go back to their families after work. We also ask for the ability to control our strong feelings and desires. Help us stay in control. Similarly, make us afraid of doing bad things and guide us to live good lives, with the help of Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fulton Sheen's Thoughts for Daily Living

ON HAPPINESS

In a reflection titled "Happiness" Sheen notes that, above all else, two things are required for a happy life: first, a lofty sense of one's purpose for living; second, the rejection of living for oneself alone. The first requirement is that we have a grasp of truth; not just any truth, but divine truth, perfect truth, the truth that teaches the supremacy of love above all else. The second requirement is that we abandon "crushing egotism and selfishness," which gives our love to ourselves and denies it to others. By acknowledging the truth God offers us, the "sluice gates of heaven open" to pour out grace upon our lives. Upon receiving that grace we learn that we can only begin to be happy when the ego dies and is reborn again in the wisdom of knowing and loving more fully God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

ON "BAD" PEOPLE

In his essay titled "There's Good in the Bad," Sheen explores our need to find a grain of good in everyone, because that grain is always there. No one is totally evil. Find the good and encourage it to be better. The repulsive aspects of people make us tend to condemn them wholly and not want anything to do with them. But this is a missed opportunity for conversion, and conversion is possible. A long series of zeros are worth nothing. But put the number 1 in front of them and the zeros explode into something of positive value. Or as Leon Bloy put it, "One step beyond mediocrity and we are saved." This instinct to find good in everyone is reflected in the sentiment that most people share when they say "Speak no evil of the dead." Grant them the possibility of at least one grain of virtue that might have saved them at the end.

FULTON SHEEN'S THOUGHTS FOR DAILY LIVING « CATHOLIC INSIGHT

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON DIVINE MERCY 365 Days with Saint Faustina



Spiritual Friendship Through Prayer: One powerful channel of the Mercy of God is friendship with another. But friendship can be lived on various levels. Sometimes this bond is based on superficial and unimportant things, and at other times it's deeply grounded in our Lord...

To Speak or Not to Speak: One common human tendency is to talk excessively and to explain ourselves to others, especially to justify our actions in their minds. This is especially the case when we sense that others misunderstand us. But Jesus experienced this to the greatest degree...

A Dreadful Day: Nothing in life has to be dreadful. Even the greatest struggle and suffering we endure can easily be transformed by God to become a source of His Mercy and our sanctification...

Feeling Overwhelmed: There are days when you most likely feel overwhelmed on account of one thing or another. It may be that you find yourself with much responsibility and are anxious about being able to properly fulfill your duties well...

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